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Topping the Steel

Sippican School Construction Forges Ahead

The Sippican School building project is really starting to take shape as the steel erection was completed this past Monday with a traditional "topping of the steel" ceremony. The columns for the auditorium and the two-story part of the building are now visible. These columns are bolted to the concrete footings and piers that were poured during the fall. In the middle area the rooms you can now see are the music rooms, the band room, and the community room. These rooms have the roof decking in place and are awaiting the membrane roofing. The area with the trailer columns begins the auditorium and the two-story sections of the new construction.

Selectman Al Winters and Principal Mary Lou Hobson greeted the entire Sippican School student population Monday morning, calling their attention to the final three beams of steel which were placed atop the structure's finished frame. The first of the three beams was placed in honor of student Andrew Rego, a sixth grader at the school who was killed in a tragic skiing accident recently. All three beams were signed by every student currently enrolled in the school and various officials including Clerk of the Works Peter Koczera and Selectman Al Winters.

Slabs continue to be poured and the work is now ninety percent complete. The middle section of the new construction has had 12,000 square feet of concrete slab poured to date. Slabs have not been completed in some areas as access was needed to the plumbing and electrical lines that will be below the slabs. Three-quarters of the cafeteria is enclosed with cement block. The metal stud walls will be going into this area soon. Installation of the roof curbs that will be located around the roof decking should start this week.



Above: William C. Maxwell, organist and choirmaster of the First Congregational Church in Marion, will be honored for a half-century of service to both the church and Tabor Academy on Sunday, March 26. (Photo by Robert E. Duebber, courtesy of Cygnus Sound Recording, Marion.)

For those who have noticed the two large cranes in front of the building, this heavy equipment moves on and off the construction site before and after the school day. Please do not block the construction site entrance when you visit the school at any time during the day or evening.

If you have any questions or concerns about the ongoing work at the site, you may contact School

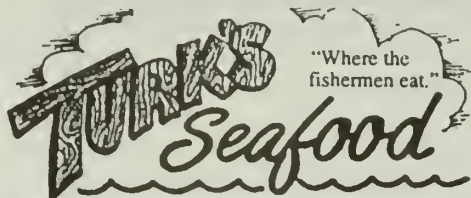


Above: Looking for a new home ... this frisky and playful black lab mix is now available for adoption through the Rochester Animal Control Officer. The stray has been kept in a Rochester kennel for some time and would make a fine pet. She's fairly young and enjoys jumping! If interested, please contact Animal Control Officer Robin Prezner in Rochester at 763-5326. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza.)

On the cover: Marion Selectman Al Winters and Sippican School Principal Mary Lou Hobson look on with an assembly of students while the first of three final beams are "topped" onto the understructure of the new Sippican School project. This first steel beam was placed in memory of Andrew Rego, a sixth grader from the school who was recently killed in a tragic skiing accident. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

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Musical Celebration

Marion Church Honors Organist, Choirmaster

William C. Maxwell, for 50 years the organist and
choirmaster of Marion's First Congregational Church, will
be honored with a Celebration Service and Reception on
Sunday, March 26, 2000. The Celebration Service will
begin at 4:00 pm in the First Congregational Church, 28
Main Street in Marion, with the Reverend Robert B.
Macfarlane officiating.

Taking part will be members of the First
Congregational Church Choir, Tabor Academy organist
David Home, Mr. Maxwell's daughter and
granddaughter Elizabeth and Amanda Chace, pianist
Beverly Peduzzi, the First Congregational Church
Children's Choir, Bill Maxwell himself, bagpipers, and
other special performers to be announced. The reception
after the service will be held in the Church's Community
Center and will include keyboard entertainment provided
by church member Dr. Francis Moore. Making a
presentation at the service will be Church President Susan
Smith, and acting as master of ceremonies will be
Celebration Committee Chairman Bob Jones.

Bill Maxwell's half-century of service as organist
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Marion has spanned the terms of seven ministers and three interim ministers. In his 50 years as the church's organist, Mr. Maxwell has provided musical direction for well over 2,000 services, contributing, in the words of the church's official history, "dignity, quality, dependability, and continuity to the worship services of the church."

Bill arrived in Marion with his wife Cookie in 1946 to teach Spanish and French at Tabor Academy, where he also coached sailing and accompanied the choirs. Although he had no formal training as an organist, he was before long chosen to succeed Mrs. Bernard Ball as organist of the First Congregational Church, inheriting the nucleus of an adult choir and the beginnings of today's traditional Christmas Candlelight Service. In 1967, he supervised a careful and sensitive renovation of the church's 1883 George S. Hutchings tracker-action organ by the respected Andover Organ Company.

From 1967 to 1999, while continuing as organist and choirmaster for the First Congregational Church, Mr. Maxwell also served as chapel organist at Tabor Academy's Wickenden Chapel, a new role that inspired



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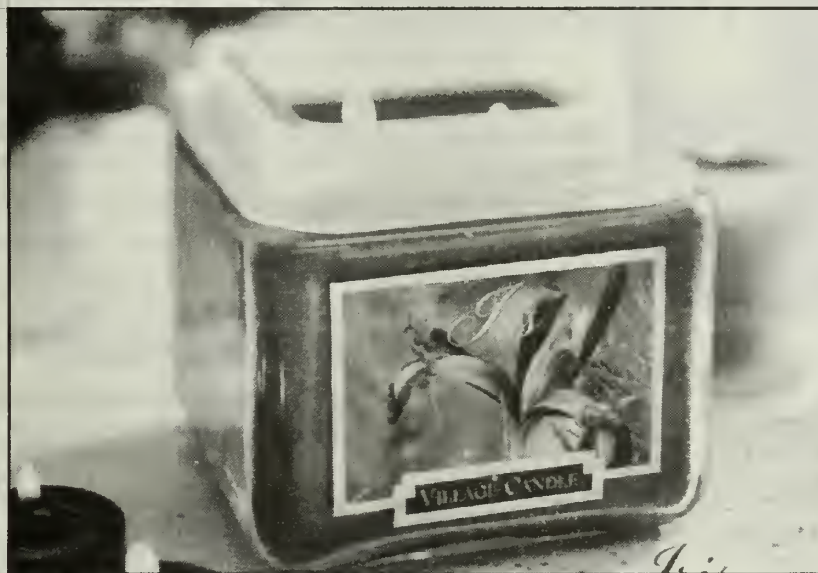
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him to begin a serious course of instruction in organ performance. In April of 1998, he presided at the console for the dedication of the chapel's new Andrew Heitman Memorial Organ. In the same year, he brought out a CD recording of organ favorites called "Echoes, A Half Century of Music," recorded on the Hutchings organ at the First Congregational Church and released on the Cygnus Sound Recording label.

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

March 14, 2000

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, March 14 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Paul Lambalot. Also present were Selectman Ray Andrews, Selectman Barry Denham, and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.

The board first met with Doug Cameron, Engineer for the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Law; Harbormaster Steve Mach; and Mattapoisett Police Lieutenant Ed Pina to discuss the closing of the boat ramp at the town wharf between the hours of 11:00 pm and 5:00 pm during the forthcoming "scup" fishing season. Mr. Cameron advised that the closure has been approved and the town is now responsible for opening and closing the ramp and posting

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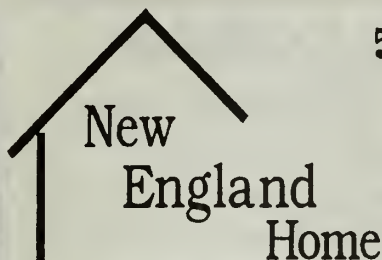
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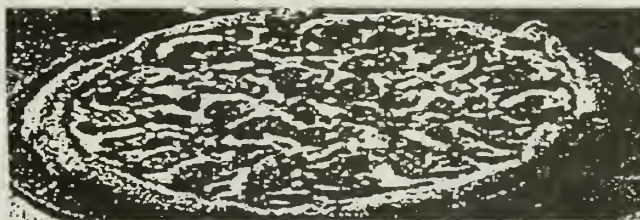
"We talked about putting up a physical barrier ... and police cruisers would have a key in the event of an emergency," Chairman Lambalot said. "We'll have to work something out for the locking and unlocking of the ramp."

Lieutenant Pina suggested that signs be posted clearly designating the hours of operation in both English and Portuguese, since many fishermen come from New Bedford to use the ramp.

Mr. Cameron advised that the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife hasn't decided upon specific dates

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for scup season this year. "There are no set dates yet," he said. "We're meeting to discuss it ... there may be no commercial scup season this year — or it may be reduced."

The board unanimously approved the minutes of the March 7 meeting and also signed vouchers, bills, and outgoing correspondence for the week. Ms. Adams noted that on Monday, March 20 a Special Town Meeting will be held in the auditorium of Old Rochester Regional High School beginning at 7:00 pm to consider funding renovations to Center and Old Hammondtown Schools. On Tuesday, March 21 there will be a Special Election to approve the funding for the two school projects; polls will be open from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm at Old Hammondtown School.

Under the Executive Secretary's report, Ms. Adams noted that they are seeking for volunteers to assist in operating camera equipment for the upcoming Special and Annual Town Meetings. Those interested should contact her or Melody Pacheco at the Town Hall. Ms. Adams also wanted to remind everyone that the deadline to submit articles for the Annual Town Meeting warrant is Friday, March 17. "You can even submit a draft article ... I just need to know what's going to be on the warrant," she



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said.

Lastly, Ms. Adams said Carlton Burr informed her that crack-filling work is scheduled to begin on the tennis courts at Center School this week. Selectman Andrews said the street hockey players and roller-bladers need to be pulled off the courts after they've been repaired. "Once they're resurfaced, the roller blades tear them up," he said.

At 7:30 pm the board met with Larry Cameron, Regional Director for the Office of Business Development, and representatives from the town's Planning Board and Economic Development Commerce Study Committee to

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discuss the Massachusetts Economic Development
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cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth
currently participate in the program which helps bring
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"We provide a broker service which matches
business needs with services," Mr. Cameron said. "If a
business is anticipating expansion and growth, and they
expect to see a profit and provide additional jobs to local
workers, they are eligible to participate in the program."

Mr. Cameron said there are several incentive
programs available, including a five-percent tax credit to
new businesses within the Economic Target Area (ETA) of
participating communities. Presently, only Westport,
Marion and Mattapoisett do not participate in the
program in Southeastern Massachusetts. To participate,
the town needs only petition the other member
communities to join — in this case, Mattapoisett would
join the Greater New Bedford ETA which currently
includes New Bedford, Acushnet, Fairhaven, Dartmouth,
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"The Town of Somerset, for example, joined the
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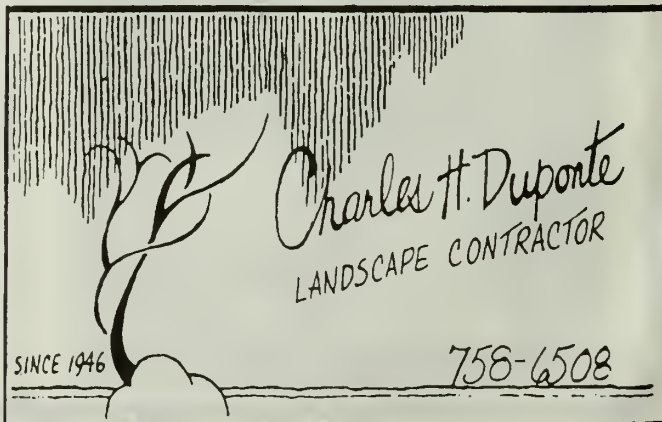
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said. "Participation also becomes a marketing tool to help attract businesses to the community. It doesn't matter what size ... we're here to help businesses thrive."

The board agreed that membership in the Greater New Bedford ETA would be beneficial. "I guess we need to get those letters out and get the process moving," Chairman Lambalot said.

"We're really behind the eight-ball in Mattapoisett ... we don't have any full-time (personnel) to look into different economic development programs like this," said Selectman Denham. "We have to rely on part-time,

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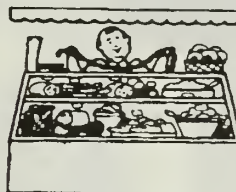
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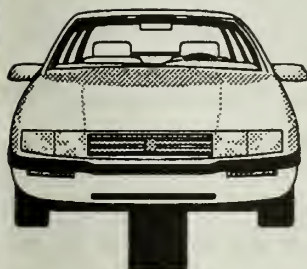
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As such, the board agreed to continue the hearing to next week and suggested that Com/Electric be asked to have a representative present to address the concerns of abutters or contact them directly.

Selectman Denham sang the praises of the Mattapoisett Fire Department and its Hazardous Material (HazMat) crew in assisting with cleaning up an oil spill which originated from a home on Mechanic Street late last week. According to Selectman Denham, home fuel oil leaked into the town's storm drainage system and eventually made its way down into Mattapoisett Harbor.

"Our Fire Department really shined in responding to the spill," Selectman Denham said. "They coordinated everything with the Coast Guard and DEP and were able to clean up the spill as soon as it was detected."

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:46 pm.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

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By Ilana L. Mackin

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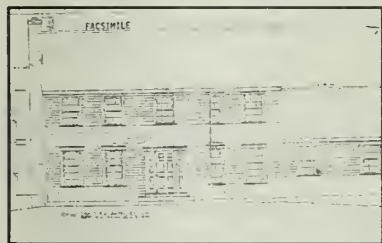
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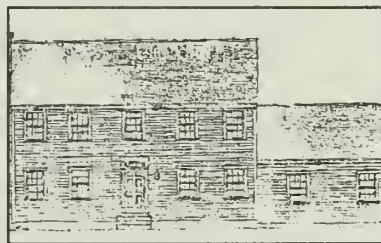
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7:00 pm by Chairman Loretta B. Schaefer. Also present were Selectman Albert E. Winters, Selectman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson, Town Administrator Ray Pickles, and Secretary Helene Craver.

Chairman Schaefer opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and reminded everyone that they had began the meeting at the posted time of 6:30 pm in order to meet with Police Chief Lincoln Miller to go over some proposed changes in his department.

Chairman Schaefer greeted the public and welcomed three members of Marion Boy Scout Troop 32 — Danny Burke, Kevin Burke and Kyle Marston — all who attended the meeting as part of the requirements in earning their citizenship and community badges. Chairman Schaefer made a special effort throughout the meeting to explain in detail what was happening and why, to give the boys a good understanding of the process.

A memo was received William Koss, Chairman of the Planning Board, regarding the preliminary application for Site Plan Review from the Sardinha Family Trust to develop the property on Route 6 that formerly housed L'Auberge restaurant. The applicant's proposal is to remove the former restaurant's building and replace it with two new buildings on that site to be leased to

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Mr. Pickles indicated to the Selectman that the Planning Board is still waiting for the plans and sketches and as of yet has not received anything. Chairman Schaefer moved to delay taking action on the memo until this documentation is presented to both boards for review. A main concern with the proposal is relative to the use of the driveway exit onto Spring Street by future tenants and their customers.

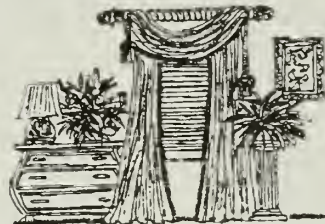
Mr. Pickles noted to the board that per a conversation he had with Police Chief Miller, 17 percent of all traffic accidents have occurred in town between Route

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105 and the Sippican, Inc., largely originating from the corner of Spring Street. It is highly recommended that a traffic study be conducted to determine the best possible point of exit.

A letter was received from Chief Lincoln Miller requesting that the board make changes to parking regulations on Hiller Street by keeping the handicapped space in its current location, but limiting regular parking spaces on the easterly edge of the Post Office driveway to fifteen minutes to "hopefully ease some congestion." Selectman Winters made the motion to accept the recommendation of the chief and all other board members agreed.

In a letter from the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA), the board was informed of a recent vote made by the Board of Directors to "endorse draft legislation on the siting of wireless telecommunications facilities." A meeting has been called for March 22 in Taunton where the board can obtain more information on the subject.

The Department of Housing and Community Development notified the Town of Marion that they have a new website at www.state.ma.us/dhcd and can also be contacted at a toll free number: 1-877-275-3423. The website will provide information about housing and community development programs in an effort to improve the delivery of technical assistance to the community.

In other business to come before the board, Mr. Pickles provided an in depth discussion of information relative to the state's new Cathode Ray-Tubes (CRT) ban

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that will take effect as of April 1, 2000.

Per Chairman Schaefer's request to have more information presented relative to last week's discussion of the CRT ban notification, Mr. Pickles explained that pursuant of his research the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has prohibited the disposal of CRT's from television and computer monitors at all Massachusetts Disposal facilities because of the amount of lead contained in each item. Mr. Pickles reported that an estimated five pounds of lead is contained within each television set and in order to protect the environment, they are not fit to be disposed of in landfill sites any longer.

Mr. Pickles recommended that the Town of Marion receive CRT's at the town's Transfer Station for a fee of \$15 (per CRT item), in the same manner that refrigerators and air conditioners are accepted for disposal. This fee would be for a sticker that allows residents of Marion, Rochester, Wareham and Carver to drop off units at the Transfer Station that will be stored in an additional (38 foot) storage trailer which, when full, would be picked up by Global Recycling Technologies, Inc. from Stoughton to be disposed of in accordance with state laws.

Mr. Pickles explained that Global Recycling

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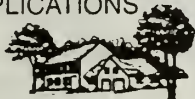
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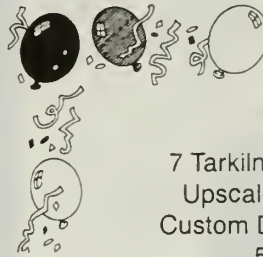
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Technologies, Inc. is an approved state recycling company who would provide the town with the proper packaging and pick-up needed to handle these items. According to Mr. Pickles the \$15 fee would cover all costs incurred by the town to administer this program, in addition to the Transfer Station's current drop-off of white goods, refrigerators and air conditioners for the four towns.

"Further information from the town and the state will be posted in the upcoming weeks via the newspapers and around town," said Mr. Pickles. "It's not something we're too interested in getting too involved with but we need to offer a disposal area so that these things don't show up in the woods." He proposed the town provide this service through the Regional Landfill District located on Benson Brook Road in Marion, and by using the same CMW stickers. Total cost to the town to institute the program will be \$1,200 for the cost of the additional trailer. The board voted to accept Mr. Pickles' well-



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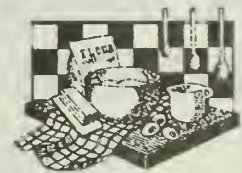
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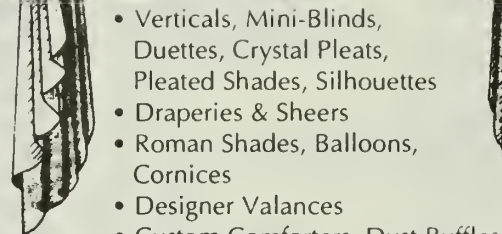


researched proposal.

Mr. Pickles also reported that effective April 1, 2000 the disposal of household batteries through the regular town trash program will also be banned in accordance with regulation changes being made by the DEP. The town will continue to provide a receptacle at the Regional Landfill where all small household batteries may be disposed of at no charge. The ban on disposing flashlight batteries and the like is due to studies showing that each battery contains a certain amount of mercury that has the potential to go into the air and groundwater if put in landfills.

"I think this will take a bit of education (for the public), especially as far as the flash light batteries," Chairman Schaefer said. Selectman Winters stated that the next recycling mailing will include detailed information about the new bans.

Chairman Schaefer closed the meeting by providing the members of Marion Boy Scout Troop 32 with some background history on the Town Hall building. With no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:30 pm.

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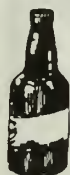
March 13, 2000

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, March 13 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Richard Cutler. Also present were Selectman Naida Parker, Selectman Patricia Ryan, Town Administrator James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

The board first signed and unanimously approved the seven-article Special Town Meeting warrant for April 3. Among the items to be put before voters for consideration:

- A \$125,000 transfer from available funds to the Rochester Memorial School FY 2000 budget, a transfer of \$20,000 to cover Town Counsel expenses, a \$73,000 transfer to the Stabilization Fund, and a \$75,000 transfer to the outstanding short-term debt for the Rochester Memorial School Technology Loan. Of this \$293,000 total, \$273,000 would come from Chapter 70 funds allocated to the Town of Rochester this year from the state.
- Transfer of \$10,000 to cover the part-time wages for the Planning Board's Consultant/Planner.
- Transfer of \$2,000 to repair a vehicle donated to the Animal Control Department.
- Vote to discontinue Perry's Lane from Mary's Pond Road to beyond Old Perry's Place as originally accepted at the Town Meeting of 1941.



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- Approve a combined debt of \$47.5 million (of which Rochester's share would be \$5.23 million) to finance the proposed expansion and reconstruction at Old Rochester Regional Junior and Senior High Schools.

Police Chief Walter Denham said he was hoping to place an article on the Special Town Meeting warrant to ratify his department's mutual aid agreement with area towns. Chief Denham said they needed to formally accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws to extend mutual aid outside the town's jurisdiction. The board noted the warrant needed to be approved tonight and suggested Chief Denham place that item on the Annual Town Meeting warrant.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received:

- Grievance from Rochester Police Brotherhood President William Watson on behalf of Officer Robert Small for incorrect payment of overtime wages and a request for a hearing before the board in Executive Session. The board agreed to schedule a hearing next week in this matter, but noted that it did not fall under the exceptions to the Open Meeting Law and would be held in open session. "An officer's pay rate is a matter of

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public record," Mr. Huntoon agreed.

- Letter of interest from Bill Clark of Ryder Road who would like to serve on the newly-resurrected Industrial Development Committee (IDC). IDC Chairman Gary Laboa asked why the committee's current makeup couldn't be increased from five to seven members, since two additional residents have come forward to volunteer their time. The board wasn't sure of the rules governing the makeup of the IDC and asked that Town Clerk Parker check into this so they could vote to appoint the additional two as either full members or alternates next week.

- Notice from New Bedford Mayor Frederick Kalisz's office reminding the board that nominations to serve on the Workforce Investment Board for the region will be accepted through March 20. Chairman Cutler suggested IDC Chairman Gary Laboa be nominated along with a selected representative from SEMASS.

- Payment in lieu of taxes from SEMASS in the amount of \$232,465 for the month of February, during which a total of 95,974 tons of trash was collected. The per-ton rate has increased from \$2.27 to \$2.35 for 2000.

- Copy of a hearing notice from the Rochester Historic District Commission upon an application from the Rochester Park Commission to construct a new building to store equipment, house a concession stand, and adjacent toilet facilities at the Dexter Lane Ball Field. The hearing will be held on March 29 at 7:30 pm in the Rochester Town Hall. Selectman Ryan wanted to know

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why the Park Commission was bringing the matter before the Historic District Commission since it didn't appear the building would be visible from a public way.

"We wrote to them to see if we even need to come under their review process," said Park Commissioner Gary Laboa. "In the spirit of cooperation and town unity, we've agreed to go before them and discuss the project."

Dorothy Tuttle, President of the Friends of the Rochester Senior Center, next came before the board with a written statement asking that \$10,000 which was allocated from their fund-raising efforts to the town be returned to the non-profit organization. Ms. Tuttle alleged that this money — which was used to pay for a grant and architect on the project — should have been reserved for the actual building of the Senior Center.

"Two (Council on Aging) members had a meeting with the Selectmen at which they stated that (the Friends of the Senior Center's) money would pay for the grant and architect," Ms. Tuttle read from her statement. "As President of the Friends of the Senior Center, I should have been included in the decision. If the Friends are not reimbursed for these funds, I will regretfully resign as president and member of the Friends of the Senior Center ... I think the whole thing was illegal."

The board advised that this appears to be a misunderstanding and the cause of some friction between the Rochester Council on Aging and Friends of the Rochester Senior Center, a group which was incorporated in 1991. Jill Bodeau of the COA was present at the meeting and accused Ms. Tuttle of slandering her name and said she planned to seek legal advice.

Chairman Cutler suggested that Ms. Tuttle call a meeting of the Friends and take a vote on what their preference would be for spending the money they've raised to date — an estimated \$26,000 according to Ms. Tuttle. If the majority of the Friends' organization sides

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with Ms. Tuttle's request, the board will take it from there. "I think (Ms. Tuttle) needs to come back in with a vote behind her," Chairman Cutler said.

Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge next came before the board to discuss several issues. First, Mr. Eldridge informed the board that he is planning to put a Drug and Alcohol testing policy in place so that the town is covered in the future when hiring additional Highway Department workers.

Next, Mr. Eldridge asked if the board could increase the pay rate previously set for third-party details required during Highway Department projects. The current rate is \$10.50 an hour, and Mr. Eldridge said he is having trouble getting union police officers and State

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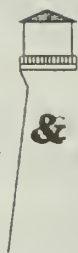


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Policemen to cover details at that rate (most union officers make between \$25 and \$30 an hour for detail work). At the present rate, Mr. Eldridge is lucky if he gets one or two part-time patrolmen to take his detail assignments, which sometimes forces him to reschedule his roadwork projects.

The board unanimously voted to increase the third-party police detail work rate for Rochester Highway Department projects from \$10.50 an hour to an even \$20 an hour, effective immediately, in the hopes of enticing more officers to take these assignments.

Mr. Eldridge also suggested the board meet with the Finance Committee (FinCom) and paid elected officials to discuss the possibility of establishing a uniform compensation plan so elected officials wouldn't have to get up on Town Meeting floor and request pay increases every year.

"I think it would behoove us to sit down and come up with a compensation plan," Selectman Ryan said. "I'd support that."

"The time these elected officials put in needs to be compensated," Selectman Parker agreed.

At 8:50 pm the board unanimously voted to go into Executive Session to discuss pending contract negotiations. There being no further matters to consider in Open Session, they would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

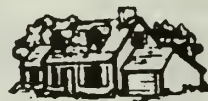
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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came out on March 4 to support our local Lions Club Talent Show. Due to the great response from our community, our show was another huge success. I want to thank the Lions Club members who, once again, helped with all the preparations of the show along with the many other individuals who volunteered their services as well. Lastly, hats off to all the talent acts, you were all stupendous, and deserve a grand round of applause. Again, a big thank you to all who made it another special evening.

Sincerely,

Rick LeBlanc, Director of Show and
Treasurer of Mattapoisett Lions Club

To the Editor:

To all my friends and family, a sincere thank you for a wonderful and fun retirement party. Also a thank you for everyone who sent cards, the Century House for a wonderful meal, the D.J. for fine music, and to Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School for all their hard work in

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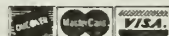
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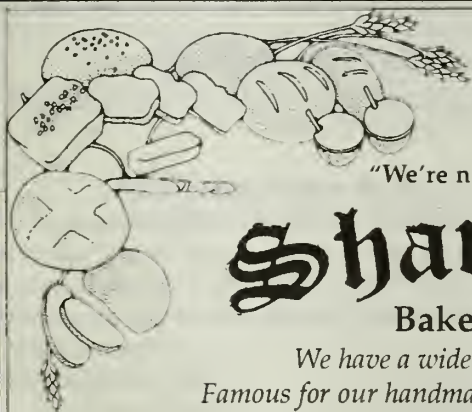
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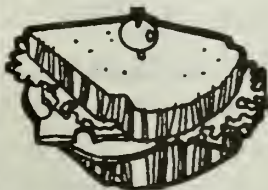
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Mattapoisett School Shows

The musical "Let the Children Dream," directed by Ms. Holly Ashley and Ms. Kris Brammer and involving many students from Grades 4, 5 and 6, will be presented at Old Hammondtown School on Monday, March 27, 2000. It will be presented three times: at 9:15 am for Center School students; at 1:30 pm for Old Hammondtown School students; and at 7:00 pm for parents and community members.

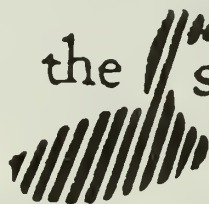
Rochester Land Trust

The Rochester Land Trust has scheduled its annual meeting on *Wednesday, March 22 at 7:00 pm*, not Monday, March 27 at 7:00 pm as previously reported. The meeting will be held in the Rochester Congregational Church Vestry. All RLT members and interested parties are invited to attend. Guest speakers will be longtime Rochester residents including Eunice Jenkins and



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Katherine Church, who will speak on the history and their great love for Rochester and its land. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Rochester Land Trust President Lynnea Walker at 763-3385.

Marion Wine and Arts Festival

Tickets for The Marion Wine and Arts Festival are now available through the Zeiterion Theatre in downtown New Bedford. The festival will occur on Saturday, July 8, 2000. Festival planners are limiting the number of tickets sold to ensure that the wine-tasting and art show is comfortable for all who attend.

The Marion Wine and Arts Festival is also increasing the space devoted to the fine wine tasting to two large tents due to the enormous showing of wines that will be presented. At this one-day festival, 60 artists will exhibit. Wine connoisseurs will be able to taste 300 wines. The festival opens at 11:00 am and closes at 7:00 pm. The Grand Tasting is open from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Beautiful tents on Island Wharf will protect all the art exhibits with fourteen artists exhibiting in the Music Hall.

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It will be a spectacular setting for an art exhibition and fine-wine tasting.

The ticket price for the festival is \$45 (\$40 if purchased before June 1). For those just wishing to come and view the art exhibits and not partake of The Grand Tasting, the ticket price is \$10. The Zeiterion Theatre in New Bedford will be the exclusive seller of festival tickets. The Zeiterion Box Office number is (508) 994-2900. The Box Office hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Saturday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. A significant portion of the proceeds from the Marion Wine and Arts Festival will be donated to the Zeiterion Theatre for theatrical upgrades.

There are a limited number of artist booths available. The festival has received fantastic artwork from artists all over New England and has run the first Jury screen. The festival will run a second Jury entry screen for any artists still wishing to participate. Please call (508) 748-9972 for a Prospectus and Application. *The final application deadline is March 27, 2000.*

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The Earth Day Cleanup is a joint effort between Water Watch, the Coalition for Buzzards Bay, the Schooner Ernestina, Hands Across the River Coalition, and Westport River Watershed Alliance. Currently, sites have been established at Cook Pond and South Watuppa Pond in Fall River, Horseneck Beach in Westport, and three locations along the Acushnet River in New Bedford and Fairhaven. They would like to have clean up sites in other communities throughout southeastern Massachusetts as well.

The Earth Day Cleanup would be the perfect project for Boy/Girl Scout Troops, community service organizations, churches or local businesses to undertake. If you are interested in sponsoring a site or providing volunteers to an already-established site, please contact Water Watch at 999-8169 for more information.

Saving Mattapoisett's Eel Pond

On Friday, February 18, the Town of Mattapoisett received a definitive plan for the development of approximately eleven (11) acres of land immediately

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This pond, an irreplaceable natural resource, is presently and has been for some time under intense ecological pressure from road runoff and septic seepage into the Tub Mill Brook. The additional road runoff created by a new road and accompanying septic seepage from new homes, may be the straw that breaks the camel's back.

While the plan may meet all the necessary rules and regulations of all state, local and federal laws, does that mean this is the best use of this property? Do we as residents of Mattapoisett want to see six (6) huge homes built with a "private view," or would the residents like to see this naturally-invaluable asset be preserved for future generations?

Concerned citizens should attend the Conservation Commission meeting on Monday, March 27 at 7:30 pm in the conference room at the Mattapoisett Town Hall to address this issue.

Rochester Century Parade

A committee of Civic and Social organizations is planning for the celebration of the twenty-first century in Rochester. If your club or town department would be interested in serving on the committee, why not delegate a member to serve?

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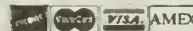
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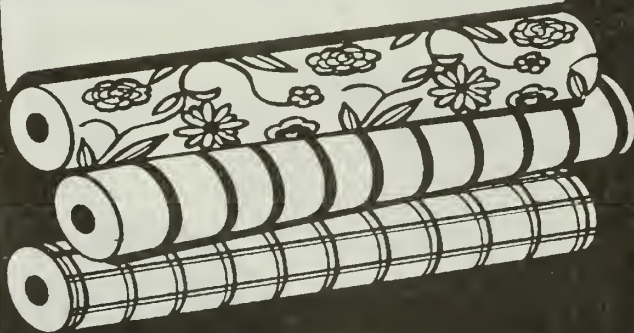
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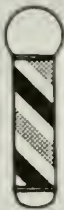
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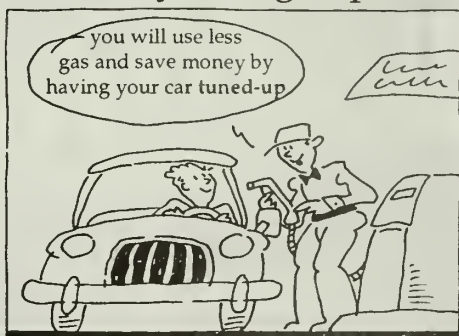
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The best way to give blood for the first time is to come with a friend who is experienced in the donation process. New donors usually find the procedure easy and painless and most will come back regularly to donate. "The biggest obstacle seems to be overcoming that initial fear," Ms. Pray said. "That's why we're counting on our regular donors to help by bringing a friend to this blood drawing."

Mattapoisett Woman's Club

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club will be held on Thursday, March 16 at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church in Reynard Hall. Members who would like to make hand puppets for the Hearts and Hands children are invited to come to this meeting at 10:30 am. The tea committee will prepare a delicious luncheon of sandwiches, desserts, and beverages.

Betsy Powell, owner of Salt Marsh Pottery, will be the guest speaker. She will explain how the business was started, how pottery is made, and describe some of the finished items they produce. She will also demonstrate how to use flowers, rocks, shells, and the like to create a beautiful arrangement.

The Annual Meeting and Luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2000. All members are asked to

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The Mattapoisett Garden Group was pleased to present two three-year subscriptions of *Garden Gate & Birds* and *Bloom* to the Mattapoisett Library for all to read and enjoy. Guests are always welcome. For more information, please call Judy at 758-9505.

Rochester Resident Scholarship

The 700 North Avenue Resident Association from the Annie Maxim House is offering a \$1,500 scholarship to Rochester students in their senior year of high school who would like to continue their education or pursue their vocation of choice. Applications are available by writing to:

Dot Sanders, 700 North Avenue #6, Rochester, MA 02770, or by calling 763-5461. All applications must be submitted by April 30, 2000 for consideration.

Technology Night at ORR

Old Rochester Regional High School announces a Science, Math and Technology Night for Families on Thursday, March 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Families will do activities in these areas together. If you have any questions, please call the high school at 758-3745.

Boating Basics in Fairhaven

Boating Basics Safety Courses will be held in the Fairhaven Police Department Training Room, 1 Bryant Lane in Fairhaven. The first course will take place on March 27, April 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm; and the second course on May 1, 8, 15, 22 and June 5, also from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

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These free "Boating Basics" safety courses are sponsored by the Massachusetts Environmental Police, Fairhaven Police Department, and Fairhaven Harbormaster's office, and are open to the public. The primary purpose of these courses is to foster safe attitudes by developing an increased awareness of safe boating practices, legal responsibilities and general marine knowledge.

Young people are encouraged to attend with their parents, if possible. Successful completion of such an

approved boating course, by persons 12 through 15 years of age who wish to operate a motor boat without adult supervision is required by state regulation. A state safety certificate will be awarded to students who successfully complete this course.

Wizard Comes to ORR

The students of the Drama Club at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School will be performing "The Wizard of Oz." The play will take place on Wednesday, March 29 at 7:30 pm in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors and may be obtained from students or by calling the school at 758-4929.

Mattapoisett History Continues

On Sunday afternoon, March 26 at 2:00 pm, the Mattapoisett Museum and Carriage House will host Seth Mendell who will continue his series on the history of Mattapoisett. This chapter will cover from the end of the War of 1812 through the Civil War, including Mattapoisett's "golden age" — the shipbuilding era. Seth's well-documented talks are always interesting and informative. As with all programs at the museum, this is open to the public and they urge you to attend.

Acushnet Building Committee

The Building Committee of the Russell Memorial Library in Acushnet will hold a public meeting on Thursday, March 23 at 6:00 pm in the library. The focus of the agenda will be on the need for land on which to construct a new library building. A new state library construction grant round is expected to be announced this spring. Acushnet must have a definite location in order to submit a letter of intent. If anyone has property for the committee to consider, please call the library at 998-0270. All interested parties are warmly encouraged to attend this meeting.

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A \$40 non-refundable registration fee is required, and available slots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. A lab fee may be required in some courses. A registration form and non-refundable registration fee must be submitted for each student by May 1, 2000. Confirmation of SAIL courses and a medical form will be sent to each family.

A complete list of course offerings is available through any district school office or may be obtained by contacting the ORR School District at 758-2772, extension 18.

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music and dinner on Tuesday, April 4, 2000 at 6:30 pm at Old Rochester Regional High School. The Notes for Technology Dinner Concert will feature Center School's Third Grade Intergenerational Chorus and Old Hammondtown School's concert and jazz bands. Dinner for this exciting event, provided by Cerulli's Gourmet Foods, includes homemade lasagna (with and without meat), garden salad, rolls, coffee, punch, and dessert. Macaroni and cheese with hot dogs and chips for children will also be available.

Tickets are available at Cerulli's in Mattapoisett until Sunday, March 26. Prices are \$15 for adults (13 and older) and children who want lasagna, \$7.50 for children ages 6 to 12, and FREE for children ages 5 and under. For those who attend the concert only, tickets are \$7.50 for adults (ages 13 and older) and FREE for children ages 12 and under. Seating is limited, so get your tickets now!

All funds raised will help support the technology programs for students of Center School and Old Hammondtown School. Mattapoisett offers children a solid technology program. Both schools have dedicated labs that serve 20 or more students at a time. As early as Kindergarten, children get regular computer instruction. In second grade they begin learning keyboarding. There is a good computer program in place, but it needs to be enhanced. In the very least, it should be maintained. Technology changes quickly and costs plenty of money to upgrade. Please plan to attend and support this worthy cause.

Rochester Recycling Program

The Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Municipal Recycling Incentive Program (MRIP) awarded the Town of Rochester \$728 for recycling 91 tons of trash over a six-month period. The MRIP program rewards cities and towns that take steps to improve their recycling programs by paying them for each ton of material that is recycled by residents. These payments are then invested back into community programs to make further program improvements.

Over the past two and a half years, more than \$5 million has been paid to Massachusetts cities and towns

through the MRIP program. MRIP is funded by the state's Clean Environment Fund, which is comprised of unclaimed beverage container deposits.

The program payments will be even greater as Rochester residents recycle more. Rochester receives a base payment of \$8 a ton. But, for every additional ton that is recycled compared with last year, Rochester is paid at a higher bonus rate of \$20 per ton. The next time that you recycle, remember that you will be helping earn money to support your community's recycling program.

Each year, recycling in Massachusetts reduces greenhouse gas emissions by near one million tons of carbon equivalent, saves enough energy to power 140,000 homes, and supports 12,000 jobs and \$600 million of economic development.

Storyteller in Mattapoisett

Tony Toledo, Storyteller, will be entertaining with a one-hour interactive performance which is perfect for arts enrichment and family fun. Presented by the Project GROW Parents Group as part of Family Fun Day, the event will take place on Sunday, March 19 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett.

Mr. Toledo will tell stories through body language, American Sign Language, in English and in Spanish, and through rebus puzzles to demonstrate the ways we communicate. Crafts will also be provided for the children to do and there will be a Bake Sale and Chinese Auction as well. The event is a fund-raiser for the Scholarship Fund, which awards scholarships to graduating seniors who have attended a Project GROW program. An Academic scholarship is awarded to the student to further his/her education by attending college; and an Enrichment Scholarship is awarded to a student with special needs who would benefit from the purchase of a special piece of equipment that would result in an enhanced education program or who may also wish to further his/her education.

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general public. The Project GROW Parents Group is strictly a volunteer organization, therefore all proceeds go directly to funding the scholarship awards.

This program is supported, in part, by grants from the Rochester Cultural Council and the Marion Cultural Council, local agencies supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Superintendent Evening Hours

ORR School Superintendent Elizabeth A. Quinn will be holding evening office hours in her office, located at Old Rochester Regional High School, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Monday, March 20. The purpose of these evening hours is to provide opportunities for parents and other community members to drop in and discuss with her perceptions, ideas and issues relating to the operation of the local and regional schools.

Additional evening hours are scheduled for Thursday, April 6; Tuesday, April 25; Wednesday, May 10; and Wednesday, May 24. Parents and community members who would prefer a specific appointment during these hours or at any other time are asked to please call Danielle Brightman at 758-2772, extension 13 to schedule a time.

Chinese Auction in Fairhaven

Come join the celebration on Friday, March 24 for the Oxford School Giant Chinese Auction in the school gym. It promises to be a fun evening. There will be refreshments, door prizes, and over 100 items to be auctioned off. Come and join the fun beginning at 6:30 pm. You must be present to win. The event is sponsored by the Oxford School PTO.

Ham and Bean Supper

The Florence Eastman Post 280 American Legion will hold its first Ham and Bean Supper on Saturday, March 25 at 5:00 pm at post headquarters on Depot Street. Tickets can be purchased by contacting John DeCosta at 758-2310, Michael Lamoureux at 758-9311, Tony Rapoza at 758-2202, or Evelyn Pursley at 758-3329, or from any other legion member. Please come and help support your local veterans organization.

Chicken Pie in Marion

The Marion United Methodist Church will sponsor a Chicken Pie Supper on Saturday, March 18 at 5:30 pm. The menu will include chicken pie, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, cranberry sauce, rolls, beverage, and dessert. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Please call Jane Ladner for reservations at 748-0476.

Boat Building Seminar

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ORR Alumni Association

The ORR Alumni Association is extremely proud to offer four awards of \$500 each during the spring of 2000. The awards are available to past graduates or students who will graduate from ORR in June of 2000. Consideration will be given to students continuing their education in colleges, universities, or technical schools to train them for the future. Once chosen, the student will be required to display successful completion of one semester's grades to the association. At that time, the award will be presented. The association is particularly



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Local Police Logs

■ MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 27 through March 11, 2000:

- River Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Crapo Street – sudden death
- Gifford's Corner Road – motor vehicle complaint
- Stoney Run Lane – officer wanted
- Bullivant Farm Road – officer wanted
- Ryders Lane – by-laws violation
- Washburn Park Road – vandalism/past
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Wareham Road – animal complaint
- Stoney Run Lane – medical emergency
- Point Road – motor vehicle complaint
- Delano Road – animal complaint
- Wareham Road – vandalism/past
- Washburn Park Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Spring Street – parking violation
- Oak Street – annoying phone calls
- Point Road – motor vehicle complaint
- Point Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mill Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Cottage Lane – parking violation
- Front Street – larceny/past
- Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- ORR High School – officer wanted
- Spring Street – trespassing
- Pine Hill Lane – missing person
- Pine Hill Lane – disorderly person
- Mill Street – larceny/past
- Pleasant Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Point Road – parking violation
- Mill Street – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Point Road – suspicious person/adult arrest (default warrant: malicious destruction of property)

- Blackhall Court – larceny/past
- Front Street – family offense
- Inland Road – larceny/past
- Mill Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Mill Street – larceny/past
- Spring Street – by-laws violation
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Oak Avenue – annoying phone calls
- Farm Road – animal complaint
- Oakdale Avenue – civil complaint
- Front Street – breaking and entering/past
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle.

■ MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 27 through March 11, 2000:

- Water Street – animal complaint
- Aucoot Road – protective order violation
- Homestead Court – kids running in road
- Fairhaven Road – lost dog
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident
- County Road – dog hit by motor vehicle
- Brandt Island Road – harassing phone calls
- Brandt Island Road – vandalism/property damage
- North Street – hurt animal in road
- Mattapoissett Neck Road – suspicious activity
- Tobey Lane – harassing phone calls
- Marion Road – simple threats
- Marion Road – sexual harassment
- North Road – lost dog
- Brandt Island Road – car hit deer
- County Road – lost lawnmower recovered
- Shaw Street – disturbance/youths screaming
- Marion Road – suspicious activity
- Marion Road – threats to kill
- Water Street – past assault
- North Street – harassing phone calls
- Marion Road – dead racoon in road
- North Street – found dog
- North Woods Lane – suspicious activity
- Mattapoissett Neck Road – suspicious activity
- Dricoll Lane – lost cat
- Acushnet Road – dog chasing people
- North Street – vandalism/sign knocked

over

- West Hill Road – larceny from motor vehicle
- County Road – bad checks
- David Street – vandalism/past
- Brandt Island Road – past vandalism
- Deep Woods Drive – large dog running loose
- Marion Road – simple assault
- Marion Road – harassment
- Mattapoissett Neck Road – barking dog complaint
- Port Way – past breaking and entering into residence
- Marion Road – larceny
- Marion Road – simple threats
- Marion Road – disturbance/larceny
- Barstow Street – vandalism to lawn
- Marion Road – fight/disturbance
- Brandt Island Road – possible motor vehicle accident.

■ ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 29 through March 13, 2000:

- New Bedford Road – motor vehicle accident
- Snipatuit Road – general disturbance
- Lloyd's Market – suspicious motor vehicle
- Route 105 – animal control matter
- New Bedford Road – motor vehicle accident
- Mendell Road – animal control matter
- Hiller Road – dog complaint
- Neck Road – suspicious activity
- Mary's Pond Road – larceny
- Walnut Plain Road – truck complaint
- High Street – gunshots reported
- Snipatuit Road – suspicious activity
- Ryder Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Outdoor World – vandalism
- Vaughan Hill Road – motor vehicle accident
- North Avenue – deer hit by car
- Braley Hill Road – annoying phone calls
- Adrian's Package Store – adult arrest (warrant)
- Snipatuit Road – suspicious activity
- Memorial School – property damage
- Mary's Pond Road – suspicious person
- Outdoor World – vandalism
- North Avenue – deer hit by car
- Braley Hill Road – annoying phone calls
- Adrian's Package Store – adult arrest (violation of protective order)
- Rounseville Road – vandalism
- Outdoor World – trespassing.

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Applications can be picked up at the guidance department at ORR. Applications must be returned to the guidance department by April 15, 2000. Determination of awards will be made solely by the ORR Alumni Association.

The next meeting of the ORR Alumni Association will be Thursday, March 23 at 7:00 pm in the ORR High School cafeteria. Past graduates of ORR are welcome to come to the meeting and see what the organization is doing.

School Regionalization Discussion

The public is invited to an overview of the question "Should Marion/Mattapoisett/Rochester (MMR) Change Its Form of School Regionalization? - The Beginnings of a League Study," which will be presented on Thursday, March 16 at the Sippican Woman's Club, Handy's Tavern, 154 Front Street, Marion at 7:30 pm.

Karen Kevelson will chair the meeting and explain the organizational make-up of the Old Rochester Regional School District. Three towns, four school committees, a Superintendency Union, four budgets, six schools, various collaboratives — all these specifics will be explained at the meeting, and an overview of the financial considerations of the three towns will be

presented by Joan Andersen. The regionalization study will be a two-year process; and at the end of the study a consensus (of the League) may or may not be reached.

One thing is certain: the district is experiencing growth in the student population and a progress report on the building addition/renovation at Sippican School will be included, as well as an update on the proposed \$48 million project at ORR Junior and Senior High Schools. This is a perfect opportunity to discuss the direction of the study and to welcome new committee members on the study.

Tri-Town Early Childhood Council

The Tri-Town Early Childhood Council is scheduled to meet at 6:00 pm on Thursday, March 16 in the library mezzanine at the Rochester Memorial School. The council will hear subcommittee reports on parent education, professional development, public awareness, and community playgroups. Plans for the community celebration of the Week of the Young Child, including the Annual Early Childhood Fair, will be discussed. Child care and snacks will be available free-of-charge. Any parent or community member interested in issues which affect young children and their families are encouraged to attend. For more information, please call the Early Childhood Office at 748-1863.



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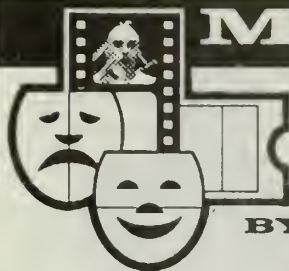
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MOVIE REVIEW

Erin, Go Brag

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■ **Erin Brockovich.** Starring Julia Roberts and Albert Finney. Directed by Steven Soderbergh. Running time: 131 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Cinema 12 at the North Dartmouth Mall and Flagship Cinemas in New Bedford.

If you want mainstream Hollywood entertainment done right, you have to bring in an outsider. Sometimes, as when a maverick like Sam Raimi is unhappily married to a dud like *For Love of the Game*, the union produces a stillborn child; but sometimes a talented director brings the material up to his level. Steven Soderbergh, after over a decade of experimenting in various forms of independent film (*sex, lies and videotape*; *The Underneath*; *Schizopolis*), has begun to dabble in the mainstream; his current marriage, to a major studio film with an A-list star, could have been enough to send him scurrying back to the art house.

The result here is not stillborn but a frisky, friendly child full of surprises. *Erin Brockovich*, Soderbergh's new comedy-drama starring Julia Roberts, is in outline a lot like several other films, particularly *A Civil Action*, as well as the sort of true-life empowerment story you see on Lifetime every six months or so. But this film moves with a light step, and it takes time not just to establish characters but to *appreciate* them. You're in the hands of a director who genuinely likes people. In tone, the movie is actually closer to gentle mid-period Jonathan Demme films (like *Melvin and Howard* or *Citizens Band*) than to a routine legal drama.

If Erin Brockovich didn't actually exist (she does, and has a cameo in the movie as a waitress named Julia), some screenwriter would've had to invent her for Julia Roberts. As written by Susannah Grant (*Ever After* and the upcoming *28 Days*), Erin is brassy, determined, full of love for her three kids and wary of everyone else; the character is perfectly suited to Roberts' strengths, and she plays Erin as a frazzled, ordinary woman with a knack for cutting to the point. No cutie-pie, Erin is a sharp, angular person — an unstoppable force that doesn't believe in immovable objects.

After managing to find work at a California law firm, Erin starts to discover odd things in routine real-estate files: medical records that don't seem to belong



there. She soon learns that a local plant, Pacific Gas & Electric, has been contaminating the water with chromium and has been trying to buy off the locals. With the initially grudging help of her boss, Ed Masry (Albert Finney), Erin digs deeper and tries to rally the townspeople in a lawsuit against the corporation.

In a way, *Erin Brockovich* is the distaff companion to *Wonder Boys* — a disorganized wreck finds meaning in an endeavor larger than him/herself. The filmmakers here, as in *Wonder Boys*, pay more attention to subtleties of character than to plot mechanics. The actors are given space to bloom. Aaron Eckhart, so reptilian in his other roles (*In the Company of Men*, etc.), turns in a relaxed, friendly performance as George, the scruffy biker who gets involved with Erin and looks after her kids because he genuinely likes them. Albert Finney, too, seems energized in his many scenes with Roberts. They make a great team, providing two laughs for the price of one: Erin says something outlandish, and then Ed stands there silently, unsure whether to scream or laugh, or both. Watching Albert Finney struggling to keep his composure is one of the quieter pleasures of the movie season.

Don't mistake *Erin Brockovich* for a classic or a masterpiece. Like Soderbergh's previous mainstream film *Out of Sight*, it's simply an example of Hollywood entertainment done with finesse and compassion, the way it always should be but so often isn't. Perhaps such a movie triumphs more because of what it *doesn't* do than because of what it *does* (*Erin Brockovich*, for instance, contains not a single tedious courtroom scene). The movie isn't really even about the lawsuit or about going after a corporation. It's about a woman finding out what she was meant to do, and finding the community that needs her.

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My Dog Skip (PG) — Fri: 2:00, 4:00, 6:45; Sat/Sun: 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:45; Mon-Thu: 6:30

Hanging Up (PG-13) — Fri-Sun: 9:00; Mon-Thu: 7:00, 9:15

Holy Smoke (R) — Fri: 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Sat/Sun: 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Mon-Thu: 7:00, 9:15

*No discount coupons accepted for these shows.

■ FLAGSHIP CINEMA 12

500 Kings Highway, New Bedford, MA.
Movie Hotline: 985-3000

Friday (Mar. 17) through Tuesday (Mar. 21)

Final Destination (R) — 12:15, 2:25, 4:40, 7:15, 9:15 (12:00 midnight Fri/Sat only!)

Erin Brockovich (R) — 12:30, 3:20, 7:20, 9:55

Mission to Mars (PG) — 12:20, 1:00, 2:50, 4:00, 5:10, 7:00, 7:35, 9:30, 10:00 (12:00 midnight Fri/Sat only!)

The Ninth Gate (R) — 12:25, 3:10, 6:55, 9:25 (12:00 midnight Fri/Sat only!)

Drowning Mona (PG-13) — 12:40, 2:45, 4:55, 7:05, 9:20

Three Strikes (R) — 7:25, 9:50

Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) — 12:00 midnight Fri/Sat only!

The Whole Nine Yards (PG-13) — 12:10, 2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 9:45

Reindeer Games (R) — 9:35

Wonder Boys (R) — 12:35, 3:05, 7:10, 9:40

Scream 3 (R) — 7:40, 10:00

Snow Day (PG) — 12:50, 2:55, 4:50, 7:45

The Tigger Movie (G) — 1:10, 3:25, 5:15

Stuart Little (PG) — 12:55, 3:00, 5:00

The Next Best Thing (PG-13) — 12:45, 3:15, 6:50, 9:10

■ GENERAL CINEMA 12

Faunce Corner Road, North Dartmouth, MA.
Movie Line: 999-3141

Friday (Mar. 17) through Thursday (Mar. 23)

Erin Brockovich (R) — 1:00, 2:00, 3:50, 5:00, 6:40, 7:50, 9:20

Mission to Mars (PG) — 1:10, 1:50, 3:50, 4:30, 6:20, 7:00, 8:50, 9:30

Snow Day (PG) — 1:00, 3:00, 4:45

The Tigger Movie (G) — 1:30, 3:10, 4:50

Final Destination (R) — 1:50, 4:20, 7:20, 9:30

Drowning Mona (R) — 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10

The Whole Nine Yards (R) — 7:00, 9:10

The Next Best Thing (R) — 1:40, 4:30, 6:50, 9:20

The Ninth Gate (R) — 1:00, 3:40, 6:20, 9:00

American Beauty (R) — 1:20, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00

Reindeer Games (R) — 6:30, 8:40

Wonder Boys (R) — 1:20, 4:10, 6:40, 8:50

Maconchu Club - Mattapoisett

In lieu of the March meeting at Reynard Hall, the Maconchu Club has planned an evening of entertainment. The Drama Club of Old Rochester Regional High School is presenting the musical comedy "Little Shop of Horrors" on Saturday, March 25 at 7:00 pm. Peg Olney has reserved a block of 40 tickets for the evening performance. If you plan to attend, please call Peg at 758-3069 to reserve your ticket. Cost is \$6 per person. Please make checks out to "Maconchu Club." Please come early to the performance, it is difficult to hold seats!

Marion Natural History Museum

Following are upcoming After School Programs sponsored by and held at the Marion Natural History Museum, upstairs from the Elizabeth Taber Library on Spring Street. The cost for these programs are \$4 for members, and \$5 for general public.

- Thursday, March 16, 3:30 to 4:30 pm - Waking Up to Spring: What are the plants and animals doing to get ready for spring? Come learn about the changes our environment undergoes in anticipation of spring with Steve Gonsalves of Eden Landscaping.
- Thursday, March 30, 3:30 to 4:30 pm - Vernal Pools: Is that loud quacking from that former mud puddle coming from a duck or from something else? Where do those spotted salamanders come from? Come investigate these interesting and all-too-temporary pools.
- Thursday, May 18, 3:30 to 4:30 pm - Skin & Scales: Truly large snakes, toads and lizards will be on display! Come to this perennial favorite and have the opportunity to hold a 40-foot Burmese Python!
- Friday, June 2, 3:30 to 4:30 pm - Check Out Your Health with Katherine Russell: Learn how to take your blood pressure, what the numbers mean, and ways to prevent and treat high blood pressure.
- Friday, June 9, 3:30 to 4:30 pm - Salt Marsh Walk with Fred Hutchings: Check out the plants and animals of the salt water marsh.

Story Hour in Mattapoisett

Registration for the Spring Preschool Story Hour at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library is now taking place. The program is for children ages 3 to 5 and consists of stories, fingerplays, music, and simple crafts. (Children must be three years old by the first program in the session.)

The Spring session consists of six programs that begin March 29/31 and end May 10/12. You may call 758-4171 or visit the library at 7 Barstow Street to register for the afternoon program on Wednesday from 1:00 to 1:45 pm, or the morning program on Friday from 10:30 to 11:15 am. There will be a maximum of 20 children registered in each group.

Rochester Council on Aging

Events Calendar

- Friday, March 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day;
- Saturday, March 18 - SERVE (SHARE) Pick-up, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at Town Hall;
- Monday, March 20 - Mystery Ride (this one is a real special trip ... something new);
- Monday, March 27 - Beauty Salon at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School and lunch at the school's Cougar Den;
- Tuesday, March 28 - AARP Meeting at the Town Hall at 1:00 pm, Speaker will be Shirley Bourque.

Lunch

Lunch is held at the Vestry on Tuesday and Thursday at 11:45 am at a cost of \$1.25.

SHINE Counselor

The SHINE Counselor is available at the Rochester COA everyday, Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

SERVE/SHARE

SERVE (SHARE) pick-up day is the fourth Saturday of the month at the Rochester Woman's Club at 1:00 pm. All are welcome.

AARP

AARP meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall and all are welcome.

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Regional Lunch Menus

■ ACUSHNET ELEMENTARY and FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, March 20 – Pizza, bagel, ham sandwich, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday, March 21 – Steak'Ums, bologna sandwich, potato puffs, peas, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, March 22 – Chicken nuggets, turkey sandwich, rice, corn, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, March 23 – Hot dog on a roll, bologna sandwich, potato puffs, carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, March 24 – Stuffed crust pizza, tuna salad sandwich, tossed salad, salad dressing, fresh fruit, milk.

■ COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION

Monday, March 20 – Beef burgandy, garlic mashed potatoes, sliced beets, whole wheat roll, butterscotch pudding.

Tuesday, March 21 – Chicken cacciatore, buttered shells, zucchini and summer squash, scallion bread, fruit in light syrup.

Wednesday, March 22 – Meat loaf with gravy, whipped potatoes, broccoli, Parker House roll, fruit in light syrup.

Thursday, March 23 – Turkey tetrazini, glazed carrot coins, oatmeal bread, spice cake with frosting.

Friday, March 24 – Clam chowder, crunchy fish with tartar sauce, winter squash, multigrain roll, fresh fruit.

■ CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, March 20 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, carrots, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, March 21 – Beef taco, lettuce, tomato, cheese, toasted cheese, veggie sticks, nachos, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 22 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, Italian sub, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, March 23 – BBQ

chicken dippers, tuna roll, crispy oven fries, cole slaw, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, March 24 – Stuffed crust pizza, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

■ FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY and ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Monday, March 20 – Kentucky style chicken, hamburger/cheeseburger, mac rib sub, whipped potatoes with gravy, seasoned carrots, chilled pears, Pokémon fruit roll-up.

Tuesday, March 21 – Taco boat with all the fixings, hot ham and cheese, "hero" sub, Spanish rice, corn niblets, chilled peaches, baked custard with topping.

Wednesday, March 22 – Sausage pizza, cheese pizza, American chop suey, grated mozzarella, tossed salad, green beans, chilled applesauce, oatmeal/walnut cookie.

Thursday, March 23 – Chicken nuggets with sauces, Steak'Um and cheese, baked pork chop with gravy, whipped potatoes, corn niblets, chilled pineapple, apple pie.

Friday, March 24 – Cheesy macaroni twists, potato crunch fish nuggets, tuna salad roll, hamburger/cheeseburger, oven fries, green beans, chilled applesauce, peanut butter brownie.

■ FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, March 20 – Baked lasagna with garlic bread, ham and cheese quiche, garlic bread, grilled chicken club, oven fries, carrots, chilled applesauce, chocolate pudding with topping.

Tuesday, March 21 – Italian meat loaf, grated mozzarella, potato crunch fish nuggets, Italian sausage grinder with sauce, garlic bread, seasoned pasta noodles, peas, chilled peaches, baked custard with topping.

Wednesday, March 22 – EARLY RELEASE (no lunch served).

Thursday, March 23 – Taco boat with all the fixings, turkey and lettuce wrap, hot pastrami grinder, chili, nachips, Spanish rice, corn niblets, chilled pears, apple pie.

Friday, March 24 – Tomato soup, tuna salad pocket, double grilled cheese, hamburger/cheeseburger, shoestring fries, tossed salad, chilled peaches, peanut butter brownie.

■ HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL – FAIRHAVEN

Monday, March 20 – Kentucky style chicken, hamburger/cheeseburger,

mac rib sub, whipped potatoes with gravy, seasoned carrots, chilled pears, Pokémon fruit roll-up.

Tuesday, March 21 – Taco boat with all the fixings, chili, nachips, shaved turkey club, "hero" sub, Spanish rice, corn niblets, chilled peaches, baked custard with topping.

Wednesday, March 22 – American chop suey, grated mozzarella, garlic bread, pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, green beans, chilled applesauce, oatmeal/walnut cookie.

Thursday, March 23 – Chicken nuggets with sauces, Steak'Um and cheese, baked pork chop with gravy, whipped potatoes, corn niblets, chilled pineapple, apple pie.

Friday, March 24 – Cheesy macaroni twists, potato crunch fish nuggets, tuna salad roll, hamburger/cheeseburger, oven fries, green beans, chilled applesauce, peanut butter brownie.

■ MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, March 20 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, carrots, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, March 21 – Beef taco, lettuce, tomato, cheese, toasted cheese, veggie sticks, nachos, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 22 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, Italian sub, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, March 23 – BBQ chicken dippers, tuna roll, crispy oven fries, cole slaw, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, March 24 – Stuffed crust pizza, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

■ OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE-TECH HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, March 20 – Chicken nuggets, French fries, carrots, bread, cranberry sauce, spice cake.

Tuesday, March 21 – Grilled hot dog, macaroni salad, baked beans, peas, pudding.

Wednesday, March 22 – Spaghetti with veal parmesan, green beans, roll, apple crisp.

Thursday, March 23 – Italian grinder, spicy fries, mixed vegetables, strawberry chiffon pudding.

Friday, March 24 – Juice, pizza, hash brown patty, mixed vegetables, assorted dessert.

■ OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL – MATTAPOISETT

Monday, March 20 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, carrots, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, March 21 – Beef taco, lettuce, tomato, cheese, toasted cheese, veggie sticks, nachos, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 22 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, Italian sub, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, March 23 – BBQ chicken dippers, tuna roll, crispy oven fries, cole slaw, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, March 24 – Stuffed crust pizza, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

■ ORR JUNIOR and SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, March 20 – Soup, chicken patty, mashed potato, fish sandwich, grilled cheese, corn, applesauce, roll, dessert, juice or milk.

Tuesday, March 21 – Soup, fettucini noodles with chicken tenders, pepperoni calzones, BBQ ribs, broccoli, roll, juice or milk.

Wednesday, March 22 – Soup, stuffed shells, chicken fillet, Italian sub, salad, garlic bread, dessert, juice or milk.

Thursday, March 23 – Soup, beef taco, chicken wings of fire, chicken tenders, lettuce, tomato, nacho, cheese sauce, dessert, juice or milk.

Friday, March 24 – Soup, French toast, bacon, chicken fritters, steak with cheese sub, warm apple slices, puffs, fruit, juice or milk.

■ SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, March 20 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, carrots, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, March 21 – Beef taco, lettuce, tomato, cheese, toasted cheese, veggie sticks, nachos, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 22 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, Italian sub, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, March 23 – BBQ chicken dippers, tuna roll, crispy oven fries, cole slaw, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, March 24 – Stuffed crust pizza, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

FREE HOME INSPECTION

TO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS IN THE REGIONAL HOUSING REHABILITATION LOAN PROGRAM. IF YOU OWN YOUR OWN HOME THAT NEEDS REPAIRS, AND YOU LIVE IN MARION OR ROCHESTER, CALL THE WAREHAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OFFICE AT 295-9344 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Trips

The Rochester COA trips are held on Monday and the van leaves Town Hall at 9:00 am. The COA tries to do special events for seniors, and take them to places that are of interest to all.

Shopping

Shopping trips are on Wednesday at 9:00 am. Please call 763-8723 to make reservations for the van to pick you up.

Doctor's Appointments

The Rochester COA van will take seniors to doctor's appointments — just call 763-8723 at least 24 hours in advance to schedule a ride.

Health Fair in Marion

If you have wondered what is available to complement your present health care, you will have an opportunity to meet and talk with a variety of local area complimentary health care providers at the upcoming Holistic Health Information Fair on April 1. The fair will be held at the Marion Music Hall at 164 Front Street in Marion from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. In addition to being available to discuss their services, practitioners will be doing demonstrations, classes and mini-seminars. Attendees will have opportunities to participate.

Among the modalities being represented: Acupuncture, Aromatherapy, Chiropractic, Ear Candling, Home Health Care, Nutrition, Personal Fitness Training,

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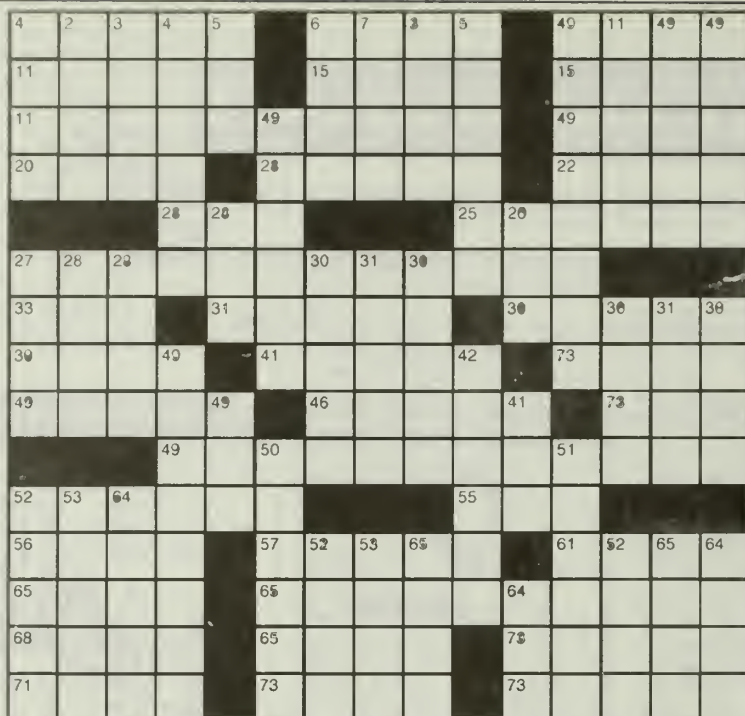
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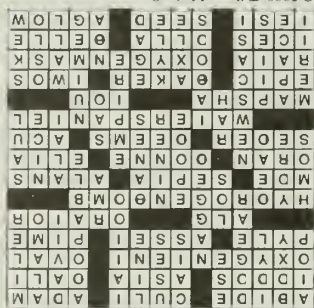
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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). You may want to think things over, so make some time for that. You'll be in the mood to fix things around the house, including your relationships.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Play with friends as much as possible; you'll have to take care of business soon. Don't spend too much, though. Communications should get easier, and you'll learn new skills, too.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). You could get a lucky break in your career. Something that was stalled could come through for you. Your partner could be a little difficult to understand. Stick to a familiar routine.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). This could be an interesting week for you. Love and travel get easier, possibly simultaneously. Push hard to achieve a goal while the moon's in your sign.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). You need to get your financial affairs in order so you can go on vacation! Finish old business. Take on a new project.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Follow orders. You won't be a mind-numbered robot; you'll influence the outcome. You'll be productive working with a group. Finish up old business.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've got more work to do before you can relax. Concentrate on making positive changes to your workload. Comply with an older person's request.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). This week should be a lot of fun, especially if you set it up that way. Don't spend too much on your loved ones, though. Only spoil them a little bit.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your love life is about to improve. Fix up your place in preparation. A compromise may be required.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You know it's going to be another interesting week. Do busy work in preparation for a new project. The confusion should start to clear up soon.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Resolve as many financial issues as possible. You should be able to find what you need. A hassle could clear up.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). This is the last week the sun's in your sign, so use your advantage while you have it. You'll be able to get through where you were turned back before.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week: You're luckier in love this year and just about everything else. Your pondering the past is almost through. It's time to take action.

Psychotherapy, Reflexology, Reiki, Shiatsu, Tai Chi, Therapeutic Massage, and Yoga. Admission is FREE with free parking available in the public lot across the street from the Music Hall. For more information, please call 748-0228 or 748-1767.

Marion Local Scholarship

Applications for \$500 Marion Local Scholarships are now available at the Marion Town House and at area high school guidance offices. All Class of 2000 Marion high school graduates and Marion residents continuing their education are eligible. For further information, please call Debra Blanchette, Town Clerk/Treasurer/Collector, at 748-3505.

Donations to the Scholarship/Education fund are always welcome and greatly appreciated. Checks may be dropped off at the Treasurer's office or mailed to: 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738.

Summer Camp in Marion

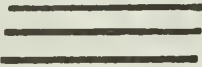
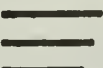
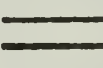
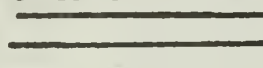
The Marion Natural History Museum has announced Summer Camp 2000 for children entering grades 2 to 5. The goal is to introduce children to their natural environment in fun and thoughtful ways. Students will visit different watershed sites (rain or shine) to collect samples and with the use of microscopes, magnifying glasses, nets and field guides they hope to foster a lasting environmental awareness of our

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MARCH 28, 2000 - 7:00 P.M.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Plymouth, ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Mattapoisett in the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to
notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Mattapoisett qualified to vote
in town elections and in town affairs to meet at Old Hammondtown School,
located on Shaw Street, on Tuesday, the twenty-eighth day of March next at
seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1: UNPAID EXPENSES FROM FISCAL YEAR 1999: To see if the
town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to pay the following unpaid
expenses of the town from FY 1999 for services provided to the town in FY
1999:

DEPT	ITEM #	TITLE	AMOUNT
161-33		Town Clerk/Registra	Clerical \$ 613.40
210 - 51		Police	Police Officer Wages \$ 3,377.92
300 - 86		Elementary Schools	Wages & Expenses \$ 386.05
610-124		Library	Clerical Full-time \$1,261.61

the money to be provided by borrowing, taxation or transfer from available
funds, or take any other action relating thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

ITEM 161-33 AND 610-124 - BACK PAY DUE TO UNION CONTRACT

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE SUM OF
\$5,638.98 BE TRANSFERRED FROM FREE CASH.

ARTICLE 2: SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGETS: To see if the town will vote to
appropriate a sum of money for the items listed below and identified by
budget line item number, to defray expenses of the town, which sums are
supplemental to money previously appropriated by the town for the FY 2000
general operating budget under Article 2 of the Annual Town Meeting held on
May 10, 1999:

DEPT.	ITEM #	TITLE	AMOUNT
113-1		Elections/Town Meetings	Pollworkers/Custodian \$500.00
113-2		Elections/Town Meetings	Expenses \$ 2,190.00
135-14		Town Accountant	Clerical \$ 1,196.00
161-30		Town Clerk/Registrar	Town Clerk Salary \$ 2,817.00
161-33		Town Clerk/Registrar	Clerical \$ 2,610.00
303-88		Old Colony Regional	Operating Budget & Capital Outlay \$49,198.14
420-91		General Highway	Longevity \$ 100.00
420-92		General Highway	Salaries \$ 1,275.00
433-100		Collection of Rubbish	Contract/Services \$34,947.40
435-101		Curbside Recycling	Rubbish Pickup Contract/Services \$ 5,746.33
610-124		Library	Recycling Pickup Clerical Full-time \$ 1,100.40
913-137		Unemployment Compensation	Expenses- \$ 4,750.00
			Unemploy. Comp.

the money to be provided by borrowing, taxation or transfer from available
funds, or take any other action relating thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

ITEM 161-30 - INCREASE WAS VOTED AT LAST YEAR'S TOWN MEETING.
PAYMENT WAS DEFERRED AT THE REQUEST OF TOWN CLERK.

ITEM 161-33 - RETROACTIVE PAY DUE TO UNION CONTRACT.

ITEM 303-88 - TOWN IS REQUIRED TO PAY A SHARE OF COST BASED ON
A FORMULA DEVELOPED BETWEEN FIVE TOWNS.

ITEM 433-100 AND 435-101 - THE HAULER HAS INCREASED RATES FOR
ENTIRE YEAR. RUBBISH CHARGES HAVE INCREASED TO \$28.00 PER
TOWN FROM \$14.79 PER TON.

ITEM 610-124 - RETROACTIVE PAY DUE TO UNION CONTRACT.

ITEM 913-137 - FUNDS WERE NOT APPROPRIATED IN CURRENT YEAR.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE SUM OF
\$106,430.27 BE TRANSFERRED FROM FREE CASH.

ARTICLE 3: RESERVE FUND: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a
sum of money to the Reserve Fund of the town, the money to be provided by
transfer from available funds, or take any other action relating thereto.
FINANCE COMMITTEE

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE SUM OF \$20,000
BE TRANSFERRED FROM FREE CASH.

ARTICLE 4: TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR
CERTIFICATION (C 41 S19K AND C 41 S108P): To see if the town will vote to
accept the provisions of Chapter 41, s19K and Chapter 41 s108P which
provides for compensation to the Town Clerk and Treasurer/Tax Collector for
becoming "CERTIFIED" in their respective offices; the money to be provided
by borrowing, taxation or transfer from available funds, or take any other
action relating thereto.

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER/ TAX COLLECTOR

FINCOM RECOMMENDS THAT PAYMENT FOR CAREER INCENTIVES BE
PAID IN THE YEAR FOLLOWING THE PASSING OF THE LAW.

FINANCE COMMITTEE DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE

ARTICLE 5: BATHING BEACH SAND: To see if the town will vote
to appropriate a sum of money to defray the costs of replacing sand at the
town bathing beach; the money to be provided by borrowing, taxation or
transfer from available funds, or take any other action relating thereto.
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

BEACH SAND IS NEEDED BEFORE THE SWIM SEASON STARTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE SUM OF \$2,000 BE
TRANSFERRED FROM FREE CASH.

ARTICLE 6: WATER ENTERPRISE EMERGENCY RESERVE FUND: To see if
the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for an emergency reserve
fund for the water department, in accordance with General Law Chapter 40,
Section 6, the money to be provided by borrowing, taxation, transfer from
available funds, or take any other action relating thereto.
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE SUM OF \$10,000
BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE WATERFRONT ENTERPRISE FUND
RETAINED EARNINGS.

ARTICLE 7: GASOLINE REMEDIATION: To see if the town will vote to
appropriate a sum of money to defray additional costs of the operation and
maintenance of a groundwater and soil remediation project relating to the
gasoline release at the police station, including professional and consultant
services, regulatory fees and other incidental costs related to the project, the
money to be provided by borrowing, taxation or transfer from available funds,
or take any other action relating thereto.
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE SUM OF \$150,000
BE TRANSFERRED FROM FREE CASH.

ARTICLE 8: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - GENERAL BY-LAWS: To see if the
town will vote to amend Section 10.5 of Article 10 of the General By-Laws of
the Town of Mattapoisett by amending the second clause in the first sentence
of said Section 5 as most recently amended on March 9, 1999, to read as
follows:

"provided, however, that it shall be permissible for any person
to lawfully consume beer and wine within the confines of
Veteran's Park with the written permission of the Board of
Selectmen."

or take any other action relating thereto.
BY PETITION

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REFERS THIS ARTICLE TO THE PETITIONER.

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watershed. They also hope to influence the student's future environmental decision-making by increasing their awareness of how we influence our natural world.

The camp will be offered in two two-week half-day sessions. Session I will be from July 10 to 21, and will be repeated in Session II from August 7 to 18. The children will be divided into two groups of 15 and each led by a Massachusetts Certified Teacher as well as an educational assistant. Grades 2 and 3 will be introduced to "Life Along the Shore" and Grades 4 and 5 will investigate "Watershed Exploration." The camp will encourage the students' own sense of investigation and observation skills.

Please pick up registration information at the Marion Natural History Museum or call for more information (748-2098).

ORR Drama Presents "Little Shop"

The Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club will stage the musical "Little Shop of Horrors" at 8:00 pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 23, 24



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LEGAL NOTICES**TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Selectmen will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Com Electric who is proposing the installation of underground cable and conduit on Walnut Plain Road to service the Paradise Meadow Subdivision. Public hearing will be conducted on Monday, March 20, 2000, 7:05pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.
Richard D. Cutler, Chairman 3/9, 3/16

**TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 27, 2000 at 7:30pm in the Mattapoisett Town hall on the Notice of Intent submitted by J. B. Lanagan, III. The Applicant proposes to develop a six (6) lot residential subdivision. Portions of the project fall within the 100-ft. buffer zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland, Salt Marsh and Salt Pond as well as within various flood zones. The project is located on Fairhaven Road, Map #10, Lots 10 & 12. 3/16

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT**

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 27, 2000 at 7:45 PM in the Town Hall on a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Charles T. Boardman, 1070 South Leyden Street, Denver, CO 80224.

The proposed project is to verify the location of the wetlands delineation. The project is located at Aucoot Road, and is further identified as Lots 56 & 57 on the Assessors Map 3.

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission
03/16

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT**

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 27, 2000 at 7:15 PM in the Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Janis Andrews Johnson. The proposed project is to construct a wetlands crossing to gain access to a new home site with a single-family home located within the buffer zone of wetlands. The project is located at Pernas Lane, and is further identified as Lot 12C on Assessors Map 15.

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission
03/16

LEGAL NOTICES**MATTAPOISETT SEWER DEPARTMENT
POLICY STATEMENT ON EXTENSIONS
OF MUNICIPAL SEWER**

The Mattapoisett Water/Sewer Commissioners voted to adopt the following statement of policy concerning extensions of municipal sewer.

The Town of Mattapoisett has only limited capacity available to it at the Fairhaven treatment plant under its inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Fairhaven. The Commissioners believe that this capacity should first be allocated to improve sewage disposal for existing residents in the town, and particularly in densely settled shorefront areas where inadequately treated septage is causing degradation to water quality in Buzzards Bay, and that only after those problems have been remedied should capacity be made available for the expansion of construction into new areas. The Board intends to permit connection to these common sewer lines by owners of properties immediately abutting the common mains in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 83, section 3, but not to authorize extension of common lines from the force mains or gravity lines from any areas outside those identified as areas of concern under the foregoing criteria, until the Commissioners are satisfied that such extensions will not utilize capacity that will be needed to serve existing needs within the Town.
Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners
Voted: March 8, 2000 03/16

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**TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT - SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MARCH 20, 2000 - 7:00 P.M.**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Plymouth, ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Mattapoisett in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Mattapoisett qualified to vote in town elections and in town affairs to meet at Old Rochester Regional High School, located at 135 Marion Road, on Monday, the twentieth day of March next at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1: CENTER SCHOOL & OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL RENOVATIONS:
To see if the town will vote to approve a sum of money in indebtedness as requested on February 16, 2000 by vote of the Mattapoisett School Committee for the purpose of financing architectural and engineering costs related to the adding to, reconstructing, remodeling or making extraordinary repairs to the Center and Old Hammondtown Schools; and, further, that the town votes to raise and appropriate the amount necessary to pay the debt service on the bonds or notes issued by the town pursuant to the aforesaid vote, provided that the aforesaid appropriation shall not be valid and no bonds or notes so authorized shall be issued by the town unless the town shall have voted at an election to exempt the debt service on such bonds or notes from the limitations of Proposition 2 1/2, so called, or take any other action relating thereto.

MATTAPOISETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO BE MADE AT TOWN MEETING.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

PLEASE CLIP AND BRING TO TOWN MEETING

and 25, 2000 in the Gilbert D. Bristol Auditorium at ORR High School, Route 6 in Mattapoisett. A matinee at 2:00 pm will be presented on Sunday, March 26. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens. Tickets will be available at the door, or in advance from The Marion General Store, Lloyd's Market and Plumb Corner Market in Rochester, and Seaport Village Ice Cream and Coffee Shoppe in Mattapoisett.

"Little Shop of Horrors" by Howard Ashman with music by Alan Menken is a humorous takeoff on classic horror movies and the legend of Dr. Faust, with the added fun of doo-wop music. The high school's production is set in the 1960s and features Hilary Visinho as Audrey, Chris Morey as Seymour, and Kris Gundersen as Mushnik, the flower shop owner. Also appearing are Andrea Caron as Chiffon, Megan Galipeau as Crystal, Genevieve Wheeler as Ronnette, and Tim Evans as Orin. An enthusiastic ensemble of students rounds out the cast of characters. You won't want to miss the transformation of Audrey II!

Join the ORR Drama Club at one of the 8:00 pm performances on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, March 23, 24 and 25, or at the 2:00 pm matinee performance on Sunday, March 26, for the musical "Little Shop of Horrors." For additional information, please call 758-6198.

Buzzards Bay Regatta

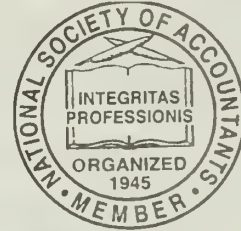
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Big Boat One-Designs and Handicapped Racing will be in special circles and are a key area the Race Committee will focus on for this year's regatta. These larger boats will join the yearly showing of Shields, J/24s, and non-keel boats.

A new Team Racing Award with a perpetual trophy — the Millennium Bowl — is another newcomer this year. The new Team Racing Award will go to one three-boat team. Boats do not need to be in the same class and can combine scores with the lowest total winning the Millennium Bowl. Other awards will include the Buzzards Bay Award for Best All-Around; First Place Daily Best in Class for all fleets; as well as Overall Series Prizes for all One-Design, Handicapped, and Multihull Classes.

Find all the official BBR 2000 details in the Notice of Race on the website at www.buzzardsbayregatta.com. This is the first year the BBR offers skippers online registration. Or racers can call (508) 748-2700 or fax (508) 748-1377 to request a registration package.

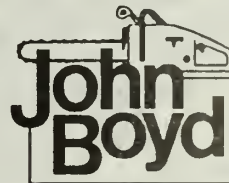
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Sealed bids marked "Outboard Motors"
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Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, Marion,
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2000, at which time they will be publically
opened and read.

The Selectmen reserve the right to reject
any and all bids or to accept the bid deemed
to be in the best interest of the Town.

Loretta B. Schaefer, Chairman
Marion Board of Selectmen 3/9, 3/16

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
CELL TOWER COMMITTEE

The Rochester Cell Tower Committee will be
conducting a public hearing to obtain input
regarding issues concerning future wireless
communications in the Town of Rochester.
Information will be used as input toward the
establishment of new zoning bylaws
regarding cell towers. The public hearing will
be conducted on March 30, 2000, in the
Conferene Room of the Rochester Town Hall
at 7:00pm.

Mark Wellington, Chairman 3/9, 3/16

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Rochester Historic District
Commission will hold a public hearing on
March 29, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.
The subject of the hearing will be an
application for a Certificate of
Appropriateness to be issued in accordance
with the Historic District Act, Chapter 40C,
Mass. General Laws as amended, and the
Historic District By-law of the Town of
Rochester. The application, which is
summarized below, is available for public
inspection at the Town Hall during regular
business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,
Monday through Friday.

Applicant: Dexter Lane Ball Field Area
Applicant: Tow of Rochester Parks
Commission

The applicant seeks approval for the
construction of a new building that will house
equipment storage, concession stand and park
toilet facilities.

Susan S. Adams, Chairman
Rochester Historic District Commission
03/09, 03/16

The other sponsoring clubs of The Buzzards Bay Regatta 2000 include these fine sailing organizations: New Bedford Yacht Club, Angelica Yacht Club, Low Tide Yacht Club, and Wild Harbor Yacht Club. This year, the Beverly Yacht Club is hosting the event. For more information, please contact Wendy Cullum at (508) 748-9972.

Mattapoissett Council on Aging

Line Dancing

Line Dancing is now held on Thursday morning at 10:15 am at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6. Please call the Senior Center at 758-4110 for more information. The cost is only \$2.

Tax Preparation

Tax Preparation will be offered on Thursdays by appointment. Please call 758-4110 to set up a time.

Marion Art Center

Starry, Starry Night

"Starry, Starry Night," a program for grammar school children about the life and times of artist Vincent Van Gogh, will be presented at the Marion Art Center on Wednesday, March 29 at 3:45 pm. There will be slides with commentary by Wendy Bidstrup along with musical accompaniment by pianist Marilyn Brown.

Ms. Brown and Ms. Bidstrup collaborated on a similar program last year at the Minot Forest School in Wareham. Students from any school in the area are welcome to attend. The Art Center is located at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets in Marion. Admission is FREE. The program is sponsored by a grant from the Massachusetts Arts Lottery.

Works on Paper

A new exhibition, "Works on Paper," is now on display at the Marion Art Center. Featured in the show are collages by Mary Ross, monoprints by Virginia Lovejoy Allyn, mixed water media abstracts by David Baggarly, and woodcuts and etchings by Mark Paul Delisle.

Mary Ross, a resident of Marion, spent many years at Massachusetts College of Art establishing her background in painting. She also studied at Boston University and the Museum of Fine Arts. She has had many solo shows all over New England and has won awards for excellence and creativity at Hamilton-Wenham Art show, Cambridge Art Association, 200 Club, and Newburyport Art Association, among others. Her work is in the permanent collections of the Harvard Law School, Bristol Community College, First National Bank of Boston, Harvard Trust, and Cameron and Colby Insurance Company. Recently, Ms. Ross has turned her attention to



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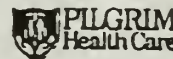
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LIFEGUARD POSITION

The Town of Mattapoisett is accepting applications for the position of Lifeguard at the Town Beach. The position is 40 hours/week with a salary ranging from \$6.40 to \$6.63/hour. Certifications needed include waterfront lifeguard training and CPR or equivalents. Resumes should be mailed to Town Hall, c/o Recreation Committee, P.O. Box 435, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Applications will be accepted through March 31. For further information, please contact John Haley at 758-4587. Mattapoisett is an equal opportunity employer.

LIFEGUARD/INSTRUCTOR POSITION

The Town of Mattapoisett is accepting applications for the position of Lifeguard/Instructor at the Town Beach. The position is 40 hours/week with a salary ranging from \$7.42 to \$7.67/hour. Certifications needed include water safety instructor, waterfront lifeguard training and CPR or equivalents. Resumes should be mailed to the Town Hall, c/o Recreation Committee, P.O. Box 435, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Applications will be accepted through March 31. For further information, please contact John Haley at 758-4587. Mattapoisett is an equal opportunity employer.

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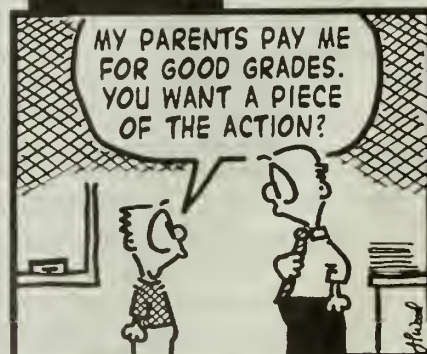
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Mark Delisle resides in New Bedford and is a printmaker, draftsman and painter. He studied at Bristol Community College, Swain School of Design, and is currently completing his Bachelor of Fine Arts in printmaking at UMass Dartmouth. He has exhibited at Work Bench Furniture in Boston, Gallery X in New Bedford, Milton Art Museum, Renaissance Gallery, Fall River Art Association, and the Westport Art Group. He serves on the Nemasket Gallery Committee and has worked teaching art at adult health care centers. Regarding his work: "The purpose of my work is to express the relationship between the artist, the subject, and the medium ... The physical aspect of gouging into wood, engraving on metal or rolling color onto a stencil integrate various separate components into a dynamic matrix."

Virginia Lovejoy Allyn lives in Marion and has a studio attached to her home. She attended the Swain School of Design and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. She is a Copley Artist, has exhibited extensively and won numerous awards from the South Shore Art Center, Falmouth Artists' Guild, and the Bierstadt Gallery. Allyn's monoprints (also called monotypes) are one-of-a-kind pieces. Her style combines expressionism and semi-abstraction in bold colors. The

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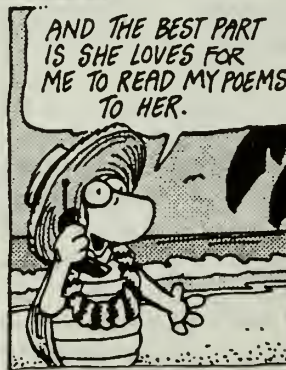
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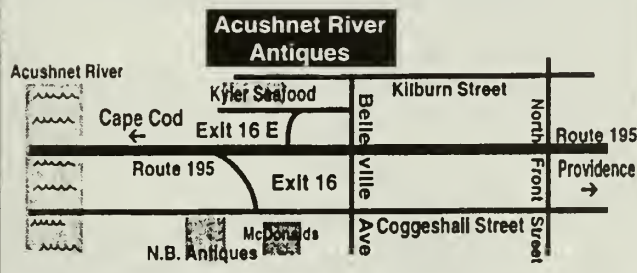
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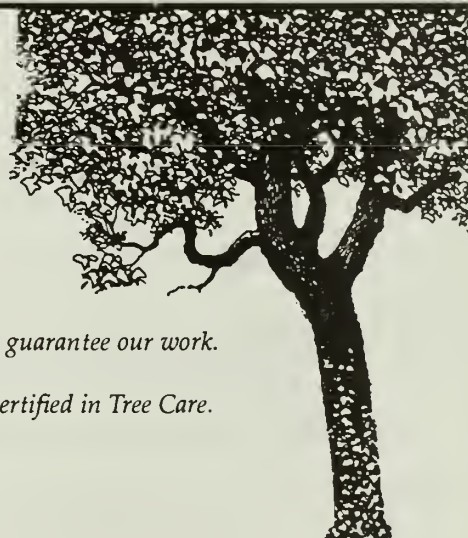


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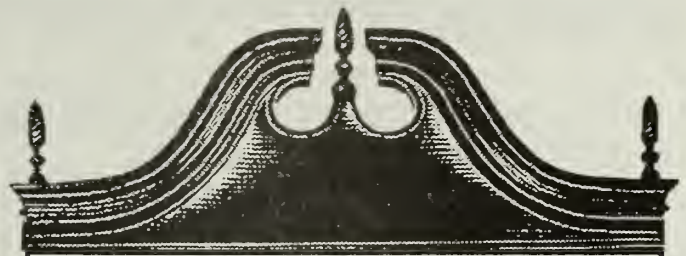


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March 17:	Fri.	5:28	5:53	11:46	...
March 18:	Sat.	6:20	6:42	12:02	12:32
March 19:	Sun.	7:07	7:28	12:52	1:13
March 20:	Mon.	7:53	8:12	1:36	1:50
March 21:	Tues.	8:36	8:55	2:17	2:25
March 22:	Wed.	9:19	9:38	2:54	2:58
March 23:	Thurs.	10:02	10:22	3:29	3:30
March 24:	Fri.	10:45	11:07	4:04	4:03
March 25:	Sat.	11:32	11:56	4:39	4:39
March 26:	Sun.	...	12:23	5:17	5:20
March 27:	Mon.	12:49	1:19	6:04	6:10
March 28:	Tues.	1:47	2:20	7:01	7:11
March 29:	Wed.	2:47	3:19	8:12	8:25
March 30:	Thurs.	3:44	4:13	9:27	9:40
March 31:	Fri.	4:36	5:01	10:24	10:39
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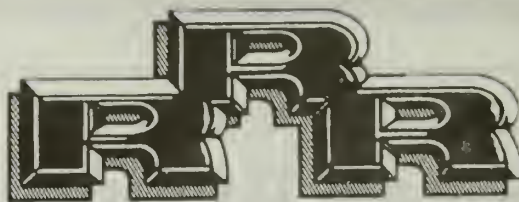


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